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1. The University of Technology (Műszaki Egyetem, formerly Müegyetem) in Budapest, Hungary's foremost institution for engineering studies, has the following departments:
  - a. Chemical Engineering, which is divided into "weak current" and "heavy current" engineering.
  - b. Public Engineering, for railroads, bridges and road construction.
  - c. Civil Engineering, with two separate departments: Architecture and Building Construction. These departments were detached from the University at the beginning of the 1952-53 academic year and are now known as the Technological University for the Building Industry.
  - d. Mechanical Engineering, also divided into two separate departments: Machine Engineering and Construction of Machinery.
2. Entrance requirements consist of normal secondary schooling and matriculation or the completion of a technical school (Real-gymnasium), plus an entrance examination at the university. Graduates of secondary schools wishing to enter the university must be recommended by their school authorities and must wait until notified by the university that they may register at a certain department. Such recommendations are subject to the regulations of the Ministry of Education fixing the number of vacancies allotted to the school for each university department, and to the social background of students. It sometimes happens that candidates are notified of being admitted to a department they do not wish to enter, or are not notified at all, i.e. refused admission. Others who did not intend continuing their studies receive notification from the university instructing them to apply for registration.
3. The curriculum of all departments extends for four years. It was planned in 1953 to extend this to four and one-half or five years. It is believed that

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the reason for this is the inability of the country's industry to absorb so many young engineer-graduates, especially since the recently declared policy of reduced industrialization of the country.

4. The maximum tuition fee at the university is 400 forints per semester. The actual amount is fixed according to the student's political and social background; the average student is paying from 150 to 200 forints.
5. Courses in Russian (two hours per week) and in Communist history and Marxism (two hours per week) are obligatory for all students, and examinations in these subjects have to be taken at the end of the year. The special chair for political (Communist) science has no permanent professors. Lecturers from government or Party organizations are invited from time to time. Discussion forums are also held under the guidance of outside lecturers or students.
6. Military training consisting of theoretical courses of four hours per week and active duty of four weeks during the summer is obligatory for all male students, including those formerly exempted because of physical disability. The theoretical courses are also attended by girl students. Students are assigned to various military training camps for their summer courses, one of them being at Nagykanizsa (Y4/A26) and another at Solt (Y6/N34). The final military training undergone by the university graduates consists of three months of active duty, primarily in the branch of engineering. Some of the graduates finishing this final course receive the rank of sublieutenant in the Reserve; however, the majority of the students remain noncommissioned officers or privates.
7. The number of students of architecture in the Civil Engineering Department during the 1951-52 academic year was 500 in the first year course and approximately 200 to 300 in each of the next three courses.
8. After the abolition of the doctorate examinations and the title of Doctor as recognized in the West, the following academic titles have been adopted in Hungary according to the Soviet pattern: academician, doctor, candidate, docent and aspirant.
9. All on the university's teaching staff are Hungarians. A Russian professor named Naumov (fmu), who taught "building organization" in 1951-52, returned to the USSR at the end of the academic year.
10. Students are issued special identity cards (Diákigazolvány) which must be renewed every half year upon registration for the next semester. Students must frequently submit detailed autobiographies to their departments which are believed to be for the purpose of singling out undesirable students to be rejected at the next semester.
11. The ground between the university and Nagy Körut is to be used for additional university buildings. An Institute for Aero-Dynamics, affiliated with the university, has already been opened on a section of this ground.
12. The university has an evening extension-school program for skilled technical workers, at least 23 to 25 years of age, who are admitted on the basis of their proletarian background, good record, and recommendation from their employing enterprise. Prior secondary education or other schooling is not required. These students undergo a preparatory year of studies and then start the engineering courses (from 3 or 4 pm. to 8 or 9 pm. daily) which take four years to complete.
13. There are post-graduate evening courses for engineers, called "Institute of Engineering for Further Studies," held once or twice weekly at the university. The student-engineers are usually sent to the course by the employing enterprises, but they may also register individually. The university issues series of tickets corresponding to the number of lectures, and each ticket bears the name of the engineer, place of employment, and his registration number. Engineers wishing to attend lectures on particular subjects may purchase single tickets at the time, filling in the required particulars and paying 3 forints. They need not identify themselves or produce any documents.

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